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Indonesia*, Canada and New Zealand: draft resolution

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-second session

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 52/210 of 18 December 1997 regarding the necessity of assessing the usefulness of a vulnerability index as a criterion for the designation of least developed countries,

Taking note of paragraph 167 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-second session,[1] which states that the Committee did not undertake such an assessment,

Taking note also of the content of the letter of the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, which was circulated as a document of the Economic and Social Council,[2] advancing reasons to support the position that the review of Vanuatu's status should be deferred to the year 2000,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 14 (E/1998/34).

[2] E/1998/89, annex.

1. Affirms the need for such an assessment to be made as a precursor to a decision on the graduation of Vanuatu from the list of least developed countries;

2. Requests the Committee for Development Planning to provide to the Economic and Social Council a report on the usefulness of a vulnerability index as a criterion for the designation of least developed countries;

3. Further requests the Committee for Development Planning to include in its report consideration of the findings of the work of all relevant international agencies on the vulnerability of small island developing States;

4. Decides to postpone a decision on the graduation of Vanuatu until the Committee for Development Planning has completed its work on examining the usefulness of a vulnerability index as a criterion for the designation of least developed countries.